succeeded. And now are we to turn round and denounce them as speculators and bloodsuckers, and say that we will not give them in the day of success and prosperity what we promised them in the day of our need and distress? Would not that be downright knavery and a crime hef ore God and men?

When I had advanced thus far, cries of " Shame! Shame!" came from the audience. Then I began to denounce the vile politicians who advocated such a disgraceful course, first the Democrats who had made such an ignominious proposition a part of their platform, and then the Republicans who, believing that such a movement might develop some popular strength, had cowardly bent their knees to it. By this time my hearers were thoroughly warmed up and when I opened my whole vocabulary of strong language, in all parts of the crowd arose such cries as " You are right!" " Bully for you! " " Give It to them!" "Hit them again!" and other ebullitions of the un-sophisticated mind. And when I added that I had been told the whole population of this region was in favor of that crime of repudiating the honest debts of the Republic, and that I had in their name repelled the charge as a dastardly slander, my hearers broke out in a storm of applause and cheers lasting long enough to give me time to look round at my committee-men, who returned my gaze with a smile of pitiable embarrass-ment on their faces.

When my speech was over I asked them what they now thought of the repudiation sentiment in their neighborhood.

Ah, they had "never been so astonished in their lives." One of them attempted to compliment me upon my "success in so quickly toning the minds of those people."* But I would not let them have that consoling conception of the facts, and answered that I had not turned the minds of those people at all; that their feelings and impulses were orginally honest; that I